

MAKING A COPY IN VIEQUES

I posted the following last year as an amusing take on life in Vieques, but it has turned ugly-really ugly. The information that they display is claimed to be current but is 7 years obsolete! Now, try to get a permit for a project with wrong zoning.

I needed information from the Puerto Rico zoning ordinance. I went to the Oficina de la Planificacion in Isabel Segunda and made my request. The office there is staffed by a half dozen nice ladies. The 3 pages I needed cost \$1.50. No problem, right? Well, a form needed to be completed with my personal information and description of what was copied. My driver's license was copied. The form was copied. I was sent to the finance director's office to pay. He printed a receipt in triplicate. I was sent back to pick up my copies. The receipt was copied and returned to me. All told, 15 minutes, 7 additional pieces of paper, and four people were involved in the payment process. PR may be bankrupt, but not through the lack of diligence of the Municipio of Vieques.